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Hi Jamie,

Thanks again for your help today. Attached is testimony for two bills from today's public hearing to be submitted for the record.

Thanks,

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Testimony Before the Public Safety & Security Committee

H.B No. 5107 AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATIONS

H.B No. 5920 AN ACT CREATING A JUVENILE FIRE SAFETY COLLABORATIVE

Chairman Dargan, Chairman Larson and Members of the Public Safety and Security Committee;

My name is Keith Flood, and I am the Fire Marshal for the West Haven Fire Department as well as the President of the Connecticut Fire Marshal's Association (CFMA). The following is testimony on behalf of the CFMA regarding House Bill No. 5107- AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATIONS and House Bill No. 5920- AN ACT CREATING A JUVENILE FIRE SAFETY COLLABORATIVE

The CFMA position regarding proposed House Bill No. 5107 is that the National Electric Code from NFPA addresses the installations of photovoltaic systems. Although we currently utilize the 2011 edition of the standard the 2014 edition has made efforts to create a safer environment for firefighters operating on a roof with a PV system and there have been proposals to further regulate the installations in future editions. The adoption of such a bill would supersede the current code used in the state. The CFMA feels that it would be in the best interest of the state to allow the model code to be utilized in the state for compliance with the installation of a photovoltaic system.

The CFMA position regarding proposed House Bill No. 5920 is that the bill as written would not be obtainable without a proper number of personnel to complete the training. The bill would be better suited to require juveniles involved in fire setting behaviors to complete a juvenile fire setter educational program in conjunction with the juvenile court system.